

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

August 11, 2015

**ADOPT A CHILD WITH MEDICAL NEEDS MONTH**

There are nearly 70 foster children with special medical needs in Los Angeles County that are in need of foster and adoptive homes, and many others that are ready to leave their specialized medical care facility, but there is no ready to care for them. For those children, we need loving and caring foster and adoptive families. Being a foster or adoptive parent for an abused or neglected child takes a special kind of person who is selfless, patient, nurturing, and have very big hearts -- even more so when caring for an abused or neglected child that also has significant medical challenges.

The Department of Children and Family Services welcomes interested individuals and couples, from every community in our County, to become a foster or adoptive parent. Every child deserves a family that can care for their minds, hearts, and bodies; who will love them for who they are, who will never give up on them, and will help them reach their full potential.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Declare August 2015 Adopt a Child with Medical Needs Month;
- (2) Encourage adults interested in providing a safe and loving home for a child to call: (888) 811-1121 or visit [www.ShareYourHeartLA.org](http://www.ShareYourHeartLA.org);
- (3) Instruct the Departments of Public Health and Health Services to e-mail to their staffs DCFS foster parent recruitment flyers to help recruit medical professionals who could care for special needs children; these flyers shall also be posted in public areas, cafeterias and bulletin boards.
- (4) Instruct the Auditor-Controller to print, "August is Adopt a Child with Medical Needs Month. Call 888-811-1121 to become a foster or adoptive parent" on all County warrants and for the Department of Human Resources to include the same message on the electronic paystub viewer on e-CAPS.

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